

you know, I have a thing about deficiency appropriations. Unless they are really, really necessary, I don't like them.

SENATOR CLARK: Before Senator Pirsch closes, I would like to announce that we have 18 eighth graders from Osceola High with five adults and Mrs. Jean Peterson, their teacher. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Also we have 21 seniors from Deshler High School from Deshler, Nebraska. Ron Streit is their teacher and they are in the north balcony and they are guests of Senator Eret. Would you stand and be recognized please. Welcome to your Legislature. Senator Landis, did you want to talk before she closes?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have confidence in the Appropriations Committee and their hard work on this bill. It also isn't lost on me that if we pull this back for an amendment, it goes to E & R and then it will be readvanced in a couple of days to Final Reading, read a second time, and, of course, all of the A bills for our consideration which dwarf the amount of money here will have to be held up for our consideration until the budget bills are all done, and we are just simply jamming up to an unhappy and very, very tight schedule all of the rest of the A bills and financial matters of consideration for this one single amendment and my confidence in the Appropriations Committee is greater than my distress over this appropriation. I hope that the amendment fails.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pirsch, do you wish to close?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Clark, members of the body, I did this mainly I guess to make a point. I realize that this is on Final Reading, that our arguments during the General File and Select File have really been very, very small this year. It scares me when I look at the amount of money that we seem to be willing to add everywhere which adds up to millions and hundreds of millions over what our budget was last year. And I also would like to point out that, yes, Governor Kerrey feels that he needs this much more staff to enable him to do a better job, and while this will support two and maybe some support staff for his